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Title: **METHOD FOR UTILIZING  
EXCESS COMMUNICATIONS  
CAPACITY**

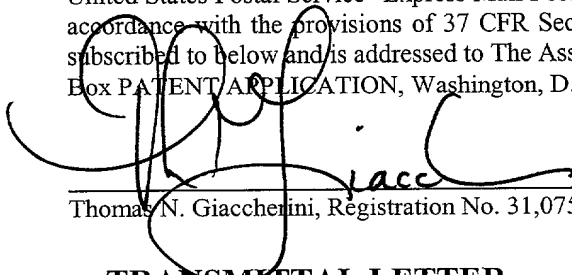
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.10 and 1.53, please accept the enclosed Continuation-in-Part Patent Application entitled *Method for Utilizing Excess Communications Capacity*.

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### **Contents of Patent Application**

This Transmittal Letter is accompanied by a Continuation-in-Part Patent Application which includes:

**38** Pages of Specification plus a title page including:

**28** Claims including  
**2** Independent Claims and  
**26** Dependent Claims; and

**21** Sheets of Drawings.

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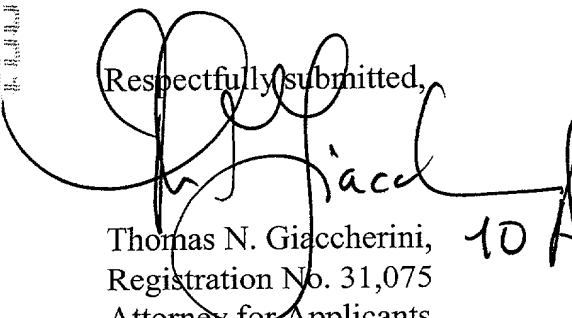
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Multiple Dep. Claims	0	0	0	\$230	0
SUBTOTAL					\$ 854
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<b>TOTAL FEE</b>					<b>\$ 427</b>

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